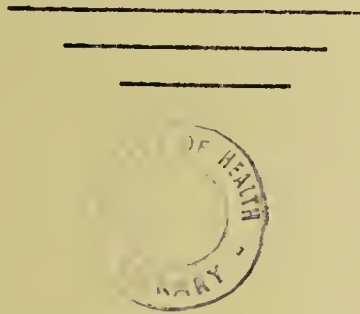


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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for

1959.





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Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Mildenhall in the  
County of West Suffolk for the year ending 31st. December, 1959.

Tel: Mildenhall 2203.

King Street,  
Mildenhall.

November, 1960.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the  
Rural District Council of Mildenhall.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1959, on behalf of Dr. D. A. McCracken who was Acting Medical Officer of Health for the District during the year in question.

I wish to express my appreciation of the help afforded me in compiling the Report by the Public Health Inspector, the Clerk of the Council and the Engineer and Surveyor.

I have the honour to be  
Your obedient Servant,

A. FARNILL MORGAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers of the Authority - 1959.

(a) Medical. - One Acting Medical Officer of Health.

D. A. McCracken, M.D., D.P.H.,  
County Medical Officer of Health for the County of  
West Suffolk.

(b) Others - One Public Health Inspector.


E. Banks, Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.,  
Cert. Inspector of Meat and other Foods.  
Cert. R.S.I.  
Appointed 21st. April, 1947.

Public Health Committee.

Councillor	J. A. Bright,	Chairman.
"	T. A. Hagger,	Vice-Chairman.
"	J. A. Dow.	
"	Rev. F. Eley.	
"	W. G. Halford.	
"	H. J. Kidd,	
"	B. A. M. Lingwood.	
"	W. J. Lock.	
"	S. Marston.	
"	R. Morley.	
"	W. H. Morley.	
"	W. Taylor.	
"	R. D. Watts.	
"	J. O. Wiggin.	

Councillor G. C. Willis, Chairman of the Council.  
" F. L. Bennett, Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Mr. F. Dannatt, Clerk of the Council.



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SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1. <u>GENERAL STATISTICS.</u>	Area	..	..	..	..	86,759 acres.
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population.	(1959)	(1958)	(1957)			
	19,820	19,120	18,900			
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to Rate Book.	4,911	4,820	4,664			
Rateable Value.	£187,267	£187,267	£154,494			
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£751	£751	£616.			

2. <u>EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.</u>	Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate .. .. .	180	219	399
Illegitimate .. .. .	7	6	13
Totals:	187	225	412
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .			20.8
Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.20) .. .. .			25.0
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (England & Wales) .. .. .			16.5
<u>STILLBIRTHS.</u>	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate .. .. .	6	3	9
Illegitimate .. .. .	-	1	1
Totals:	6	4	10
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births .. .. .			23.7
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births (England & Wales)			20.7

<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.</u>	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate .. .. .	186	222	408
Illegitimate .. .. .	7	7	14
Totals:	193	229	422

<u>INFANT MORTALITY.</u> Deaths of Infants under One Year of age.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate .. .. .	5	4	9
Illegitimate .. .. .	1	-	1
Totals:	6	4	10

INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS (TOTAL) .. .. .	24.3
" " " " " " (LEGITIMATE) .. .. .	22.6
" " " " " " (ILLEGITIMATE) .. .. .	76.9
NEO-NATAL " " " " " " .. .. .	21.8

(Deaths of Infants during the first four weeks of life)	
LEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS PER CENT OF TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS .. .. .	96.8%
MATERNAL DEATHS (INCLUDING ABORTION) .. .. .	-
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS .. .. .	-

<u>DEATHS.</u>	Male.	Female.	Total.
DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION .. .. .	101	63	164
CORRECTED DEATH RATE (COMPARABILITY FACTOR <del>6.7</del> 1.28) .. .. .			8.3.
DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION (ENGLAND AND WALES) .. .. .			10.6.
			11.6.

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS.

	YEAR.									
	1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.
Birth Rate (Corrected)	20.1.	16.8.	23.1.	31.8.	23.5	22.4.	24.2.	24.6.	25.4.	25.0
Death Rate (Corrected)	10.8	7.5	8.5	10.7	8.9	10.6	11.9	10.1	8.6	10.6
Infant Mortality Rate.	27	17.8	26.5	31.0	27.3	22.1.	22.8	10.4	27.2.	24.3
Number of Infant Deaths.	8	6	9	13	11	8	9	4	11	10





The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1959. The grand totals correspond with the Registrar General's figures.

	<u>1959.</u> <u>Males.</u>	<u>1958.</u> <u>Males.</u>	<u>1959.</u> <u>Females.</u>	<u>1958.</u> <u>Females.</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	(-)	-	(-)
2. Tuberculosis, Other.	-	(-)	-	(-)
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	(-)	-	(-)
4. Diphtheria.	-	(-)	-	(-)
5. Whooping Cough.	-	(-)	-	(-)
6. Meningococcal Infections.	-	(-)	-	(-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	(-)	-	(-)
8. Measles.	-	(-)	-	(-)
9. Other infective & parasitic disease.	-	(-)	-	(1)
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	2	(1)	-	(-)
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	3	(3)	-	(-)
12. Malignant neoplasm, Breast.	-	(-)	2	(5)
13. Malignant neoplasm, Uterus.	-	(-)	1	(-)
14. Other malignant & pympathic neoplasms.	8	(6)	10	(3)
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	1	(-)	-	(1)
16. Diabetes.	-	(-)	3	(-)
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	11	(5)	9	(10)
18. Coronary disease, angina,	13	(16)	6	(8)
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	2	(1)	-	(2)
20. Other Heart Disease.	19	(7)	8	(10)
21. Other Circulatory Disease.	5	(3)	6	(9)
22. Influenza.	3	(-)	3	(-)
23. Pneumonia.	1	(2)	5	(2)
24. Bronchitis.	8	(2)	1	(-)
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	(3)	1	(1)
26. Ulcer of duodenum.	2	(1)	1	(-)
27. Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea.	-	(-)	1	(1)
28. Nephritis & Nephrosis.	-	(1)	-	(-)
29. Hyperplasia of Prostrate.	1	(-)	-	(-)
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	(-)	-	(-)
31. Congenital malformations.	2	(1)	1	(1)
32. Other defined & ill-defined diseases.	8	(5)	4	(11)
33. Motor Vehicle accidents.	6	(1)	1	(-)
34. All other accidents.	5	(2)	2	(-)
35. Suicide.	-	(2)	-	(1)
36. Homicide & operations of war.	-	(-)	-	(-)
	<u>101</u>	<u>(62)</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>(66)</u>





SECTION B.  
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, under the directorship of Dr. E. M. Fry, provides an excellent bacteriological service and most readily discusses and advises on any epidemiological or similar problem.

Dr. S. Greenburgh, Public Analyst, Tenison Road, Cambridge, gives a similar, efficient, helpful service when chemical analysis are required.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These services since July 1953 have been provided directly by the County Council under the direction of Dr. D. A. McCracken, the County Medical Officer of Health.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES. The West Suffolk County Council hold Infant Welfare Clinics at the following centres in Mildenhall District:

Beck Row.	R. A. F. Quarters.	Every Fortnight.
Brandon.	The Church Institute.	2nd & 4th. Tuesday.
Lakenheath.	Peace Memorial Hall.	4th. Thursday.
Mildenhall.	Bunbury Rooms.	Every Friday.

Out-Patient Clinics are held at Newmarket General Hospital as follows:-

DAY.	CLINIC.	CONSULTANT.	TIME.	FREQUENCY.
MONDAY.	CARDIOLOGY.	DR. Fleming.	10.00 a.m.	Third Mon. each month.
	ENT.	Mr. Williamson.	10.30 a.m.	
	GYNAECOLOGICAL.	Mr. Lloyd.	2.00 p.m.	Alternate Mondays.
	SURGICAL APPLIANCES.	Mr. Ockenden.	11.00 a.m.	" "
TUESDAY.	AUDIOMETRIC.	Miss Collingwood.	10.00 a.m.	
	ORTHOPAEDIC.	Mr. Jamieson.	10.30 a.m.	
	PLASTER CLINIC.	Mr. Jamieson.	2.00 p.m.	
	SURGICAL	Mr. Tagart.	9.15 a.m.	
	OPHTHALMIC	Miss Perrers Taylor.	2.00 p.m.	4th. Tues. each month reserved for Sch. Child
	ORTHOPTIST.	Miss Hynd.	10.00 a.m.	
	ORTHOPTIST.	Miss Hynd.	2.00 p.m.	
	MEDICAL.	Dr. Arden Jones.	2.00 p.m.	
	ANTE NATAL.	Dr. Plumbly.	2.00 p.m.	
	ANTE NATAL.	Mr. Hesketh.	10.00 a.m.	Booking Clinic for new patients.
WEDNESDAY.	ENT.	Mr. Williamson.	10.30 a.m.	
	PHYSICAL MEDICINE.	Dr. Fell.	9.30 a.m.	
	PAEDIATRIC.	Dr. Gairdner.	9.30 a.m.	1st and 3rd. Wednesday of each month.
	MEDICAL.	Dr. Arden Jones.	2.00 p.m.	
	MEDICAL.	Dr. Martin.	2.00 p.m.	Alternate Wednesdays.
THURSDAY.	NEUROLOGY.	Dr. Yealland.	10.00 a.m.	
	ANTE NATAL.	Dr. Plumbly.	10.00 a.m.	
	SURGICAL.	Mr. Williams.	10.00 a.m.	
	DERMATOLOGY.	Dr. Whittle.	10.00 a.m.	1st. 2nd, & 4th. Thurs in each month only.
	DISEASES OF CHEST.	Dr. Hay.	2.00 p.m.	
	PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC.	Mr. Jamieson.	2.00 p.m.	Except 4th. Thursday of each month.
FRIDAY.	GYNAECOLOGICAL.	Mr. Hesketh.	9.30 a.m.	
	OPHTHALMIC.	Miss Perrers Taylor.	2.00 p.m.	
	ORTHOPAEDIC	Mr. Jamieson.	2.00 p.m.	
	SURGICAL.	Mr. Tagart.	9.15 a.m.	
SATURDAY.	ORTHOPAEDIC.	Mr. Jamieson.	10.15 a.m.	
	ORTHOPTIST.	Miss Hynd.	10.00 a.m.	

(e) HOSPITALS. Of the 412 births in 1959 to Mildenhall Residents, 71, occurred at the Newmarket General Hospital.

Of the 164 deaths, 66 occurred outside the District.



SECTION F.  
PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The table following shows the number of Infectious Diseases among the civilian population during the year. These are the final numbers after corrections subsequently made either by the Notifying Medical Practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.

						<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	..	..	12	23
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	19	28
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	52	41
Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	4	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Dysentery	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Enteric Fever	..	..	..	..	..	-	-
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
						<u>89</u>	<u>100</u>
Total:						189.	

1959 was a year in which no exceptional incidence of infectious diseases occurred in the Mildenhall Rural District.

There were 4 deaths from Pneumonia during 1959.

NEW CASES.

T U B E R C U L O S I S.

New Cases and Mortality.

	<u>1959.</u>	<u>1958.</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1953.</u>	<u>1952.</u>	<u>1951.</u>
Pulmonary.	4	3	9	6	3	8	8	7	16
Non-Pulmonary.	2	1	1	Nil	Nil	2	2	4	3

Ages of cases notified in 1959:-

Pulmonary, 2 Males 35 & 47 years.  
2 Females 14 & 32 years.

Non-Pulmonary. 2 Females, 9 & 63 years.

MORTALITY. There were no deaths from Tuberculosis during 1959.

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Total.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
1. Cases at commencement 1959.	22	17	2	6	24	23
2. Notified first in 1959.	2	2	-	2	2	4
3. Restored to Register.	-	1	-	-	-	1
4. Added by transfers.	-	-	-	2	-	-
5. Cases removed from Register.	1	4	1	1	2	5
6. Remaining at end of 1959.	23	16	1	7	24	23





# SECTION C.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (1) WATER. The several piped water sources in the District are enumerated below - sources A, B and C are Council owned as, at the end of 1959, were 80 miles of water mains. The villages supplied from each source and the number of houses supplied in each parish is indicated in the table on Page

Source "A". The Eriswell Bore and Reservoir is owned by our Council and supplied (in addition to the villages indicated) the R.A.F. Station, Lakenheath. The Eriswell Reservoir has a storage capacity of 900,000 gallons - the pumping station is equipped with two electric pumps - one of 20,000 and the other of 15,000 gallons per hour capacity.

Source "B". The Brandon wells and Reservoir also owned by the Council supplies also houses in Weeting in the area of Swaffham R.D.C. Norfolk. The Branch Reservoir storage is 100,000 gallons - there are submersible electric pumps working in the bores which are through the centre of the dug wells. Two oil engines and pumps are held in reserve in the main Pumping Station.

Source "C". The Moulton Bore and Tower also owned by our Council supplies also houses in Kennett in the Area of the Newmarket R.D.C., Cambridgeshire. The Moulton Water Tower is situated at Gazeley and has a storage capacity of 50,000 gallons - two electric pumps (each 5,000 gallons per hour capacity) at Moulton supply the tower at Gazeley.

Source "D". Water from Tuddenham Aerodrome is purchased in bulk from the Air Ministry.

Source "E". In the Dunstall Green Area of Dalham, Mildenhall R.D., (which adjoins the Clare R.D.), 19 houses are supplied through our mains by water purchased in bulk at the boundary from Clare R.D.C.

Source "F". The Ely R.D.C. mains serve 70 houses in our District at West Row, Beck Row and Burnt Fen.

Source "G". The Ely U. D. C. mains supply in our District 5 houses at Lark Grange, West Row Fen.

Source "H". The Newmarket Waterworks Company Limited of Newmarket U.D.C. supply 16 houses in our parish of Moulton which is on their periphery.

Source "P". Privately owned water schemes exist in the villages indicated in the table on Page

It should be noted that consumers taking supplies from the sources "F", "G", "H" and "P" make their own arrangements with the suppliers and pay direct for water consumed.

The average daily output during December, 1959 (in thousand of gallons) was as follows:-

	<u>1959.</u>	<u>1958.</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
A. Eriswell Bore.	393 <sup>✕</sup>	380	365	357	464	192	211
B. Brandon Well.	103	88	87	84	88	99	80
C. Moulton Bore.	43	65	78	59	63	83	64

✕ This figure includes 187 (thousand) supplied to the Lakenheath Aerodrome.

The table on page also indicates 58 houses supplied for the first time from "A", "B" and "C" which are operated by the Council. It will be seen that 4 additional houses have been supplied from Source "D" in which case the water is purchased in bulk by the Council and distributed to the customers and one from Ely R.D.C.





As at 31st. December, 1959.	Total Houses in Parish.	% with Piped Water.	Number with Piped Water.	Eriswell A.	Brandon. B.	Moulton. C.	R.A.F. Tuddenham D.	Clare R.D.C. E.	Ely. R.D.C. F.	U.D.C. G.	Newmarket Water Works Co. H.	Private Piped Supplies. P.	Houses supplied First time in 1959. ABCDE	FG. HP.
Barton Mills.	196	88	177	177								4	4A	-
Brandon.	987	97	946		946							6	16(B)	-
Cavenham.	39	90	36				21					15	1(D)	-
Dalham.	87	98	83			64		19				1	-	-
Elveden.	134	84	113									113	-	-
Eriswell.	103	78	81	81									-	-
Freckenham.	199	85	179	94		75							8(A)20.	-
Gazeley.	128	97	124			107						17	-	-
Herringswell.	59	89	52			7	30		70	5		15	1(D)	-
Higham.	75	97	73									73	-	-
Icklingham.	138	87	120				120					2	2(d)	-
Kentford.	76	97	74			72							-	-
Lakenheath.	641	94	607	607								5	5(A)	-
Mildenhall.	1,517	90	1,338	1,258							25	5	22(A)	1F
Moulton.	209	99	207			177						5	2(C)	-
SantonDownham.	85	82	70		1							69	-	-
Tuddenham.	111	94	104				97					7	-	7(p)
Wangford.	11	80	9									9	-	-
Worlington.	116	98	114	104								10	1(A)	3(P)
Totals for 1959, Mildenhall R.D.														
" " " " " "	4,911	92	4,507	2,321	947	502	268	19	70	5	25	351	62	11
" " " " " "	4,722	93	4,372	2,242	947	506	269	19	80	5	16	296	79	12
" " " " " "	4,664.	92	4,285	2,209	943	498	239	19	79	5	16	285	161	-
" " " " " "	4,595.	90	4,124	2,125	879	485	239	19	79	5	16	277	132	2
" " " " " "	4,156.	89	4,031	1,980	941	488	226	12	87	5	16	276	96	-
" " " " " "	4,80.	86	3,961	1,995	878	475	220	9	87	5	16	276	227	40
" " " " " "	4,455	83	3,716	1,870	857	454	191	-	80	-	-	264	160	45



CHEMICAL ANALYSIS. The following are copies of the reports on samples of water taken from the Eriswell, Brandon, Moulton and Tuddenham Bores made by Dr. S. Greenburgh, The Public Analyst in October, 1959.

	A. <u>Eriswell</u> <u>Bore.</u>	B. <u>Brandon</u> <u>Old Bore.</u>	<u>Brandon</u> <u>New Bore.</u>	C. <u>Moulton.</u> <u>Pumping</u> <u>Station.</u>	D. <u>Tuddenham</u> <u>Bore.</u>
Physical Characters.	Good.	Slight deposit otherwise Good.	Good.	Good.	Noticeable deposit, otherwise Good.
Reaction.	pH 7.4.	pH 7.4.	pH 7.5.	pH 7.2.	pH 7.2.
The sample contained parts per 100,000 chloride.	1.9.	1.35	1.45	2.45	2.1
Ammonia (Free and Saline)	0.0012.	absent.	absent.	absent.	absent.
Ammonia(Albuminoid)	absent.	absent.	absent.	0.0008.	absent.
Oxygen absorbed in 3 hrs. at 37°C.	0.0247.	0.0248.	0.0249.	0.0282.	0.0315.
Nitrates (expressed as Nitrogen.	0.40	0.45	0.35.	0.70	0.60.
Nitrates.	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Poisonous Metals.	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
Total Hardness.	18.8.	16.4	16.2.	30.3.	22.9.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

	Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls,	Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls.	Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls.	Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls.	Coliform organisms absent in 100 mls.
No. of microorganisms per ml. developing on Agar at 37 °C.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
No. of microorganisms per ml. developing on Agar at 21 °C.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

I N F E R E N C E.

The results obtained on the analysis of these samples do not show any evidences of pollution with harmful organic or inorganic matter.

I am of the opinion that these waters are fit for drinking purposes.

(Signed)

S. GREENBURGH,  
Public Analyst,  
Tenison Road,  
Cambridge.





BACTERIOLOGY. Main Supplies. 93 samples were taken from the Council's mains, of which 4 samples were unsatisfactory. In the case of check samples, 1 of the unsatisfactory samples proved to be satisfactory, the remaining 3 unsatisfactory samples were obtained from Brandon No. 1 Bore after chlorination samples proved to be satisfactory.

Private Supplies. 5 samples were taken from private supplies, which proved to be unsatisfactory. In the case of check samples, 2 of the unsatisfactory samples proved to be satisfactory, 1 of the remaining 3 unsatisfactory samples was from a Bored Well and the water is used for Cattle purposes only, the remaining 2 unsatisfactory samples were obtained from Bored Wells of isolated houses, no mains supply is likely to be provided and the occupants were informed to boil the water before using for drinking purposes.

Extension to Water Mains etc. The contract for additional water storage at Gazeley and the laying of a 6" main to Kentford was commenced at the latter end of the year.

The linking of the water supplied between Red Lodge and Worlington was carried out by the Councils staff, 3,190 yards of 4. inch main were laid.

Small bore extensions were carried out at Crossways, Barton Mills; Shrub House Site, Beck Row; Small Fen Lane, Brandon; The Street, Holywell Row; & Wilde Street, Beck Row.

Main extensions were carried out in Town Street Road, Brandon, in order to provide a mains supply to a new housing site.

A defective 1½ " pipe was replaced with a 3" pipe in Pond Lane, Brandon.

Other main extensions of 320 yards at Isleham Road, Worlington; and 140 yards at Cemetery Road, Lakenheath, were carried out.

Tenders were being invited for main extensions at Beck Row; Undley; Undley Common; Heath Farm Road, Red Lodge; and Thetford Road, Mildenhall, at the latter end of the year.

The estimated quantities of water supplied in bulk to other Authorities was:-

To the Swaffham R.D.C. in respect of the Parish of Weeting : 10,904 gallons per day.

To the Newmarket R.D.C. in respect of the parish of Kennett - 7,243 gallons per day.

The amount of water purchased in bulk from the Clare R.D.C. for distribution to properties in the Dunstall Green Area was 1,537 per day.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. 889 houses, which is 18% of the total 4,911 inhabited houses in the District, are connected to modern sewerage works, of which 4 were connected during 1959. There are, of course, many more houses in the District each with their own private, separate, satisfactory cesspool drainage, as can be gauged from the estimate of 1,380 cesspools in the area. From this it follows that about another 30% of the houses in the District are thus drained into Cesspools.





Total Houses Connected to Modern Sewerage Works as at 31.12.59.  
The figures in brackets show the changes made during 1959.

	Council Houses.	Private.	Hutments.	Total.
Brandon.	265	509 (4)	3 (-5)	777 Public Scheme.
Moulton.	30	-	-	30 Housing Scheme.
Lakenheath.	-	1	17	18 Housing Scheme. Ex Ministry of Agriculture.
Higham.	-	6	-	6 Privately Owned.
Santon Downham.	-	46	-	46 Privately Owned.
Cavenham.	-	12	-	12 Privately Owned.
	295	574 (4)	20 (-5)	(4 added)(5 removed)

2 of the 4 private houses connected at Brandon were new houses and 2 were existing.

BRANDON SEWERAGE. The contract for the sewer extension to serve the area of Mile End and Town Street Road, was commenced in the middle of the year.

MILDENHALL SEWERAGE. The Ministry enquiry was held about the middle of the year, following which, the Consulting Engineers made progress with the Contract documents and Tenders were received for trial boreholes.

LAKENHEATH SEWERAGE. A general survey of the village was carried out by the Engineers Department. Negotiations were proceeded with, for the sewerage works site, and the scheme was submitted for the approval of the Ministry at the latter end of the year.

GAZELEY SEWERAGE SCHEME. A general survey of the village was carried out by the Engineers Department. The sewerage works site was selected and the Owners consent was obtained at the latter end of the year.

Cesspool Clearance. The estimated total number of Cesspools in the area is 1,380. The number of clearances made was 1,526, of which 450 were free clearances under the Council's scheme. The number of clearances in 1958 was 1,317.

Although the Councils cesspool emptier has been fully employed throughout the year, it has not always been possible to give prompt service in dealing with all the calls made for its use. It was necessary to hire contractors to assist on 79 days in 1959.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. The conditions of the rivers and streams in the area call for no special comment. Reports on samples taken from the effluent discharged from the Brandon Sewerage Works shows that this continues to be satisfactory. The result of the effluents taken by the Great Ouse River Board shows that the nature and composition of the effluent is well above the minimum standard of not more than 30 parts per million of suspended solids and does not take up more than 20 parts per million of dissolved oxygen in 5 days at 20°C. This standard set by the Great Ouse River Board is based on the general standard recommended by the Royal Commission on sewage disposal.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. Contractors to the Council carry out a weekly clearance of pail closets in defined portions of the parishes of Mildenhall and Lakenheath.

Conversion of pail closets to W.C's, during 1959 numbered 2. Carried out with the aid of improvement grants as part of individual improvement schemes of existing houses.



Public Conveniences. The free washing and other facilities, available at the Public Conveniences provided in Brandon in 1940 and in Mildenhall in 1951, are an asset to the District. Similar facilities are requested for Lakenheath, but these await a suitable site and sewage scheme.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING. A further strain was placed upon the refuse collection system by the change of policy whereby collections were increased from twice or four times per month to fortnightly or weekly, and substitution of days for bank holidays on which previously no collections have been made, and, increasing development of new housing. Under the previous arrangements, vehicles usually had one or two days per month free of collections when arrears of work and maintenance could be dealt with, but these free days do not now occur.

Waste Paper - 106 tons - a decrease of 3 tons over 1958.

Scrap Iron 8½ tons; Rags - 3 tons; Metals - 15 cwt - a slight decrease over previous year. Total value: £532.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA. The following table summarises the work carried out by the Public Health Inspector:-

Inspection and re-inspection of houses under the Public Health and Housing Act..453									
Tents, Vans, sheds, etc. (including Ex.W.D. and R.A.F. Camps taken over									
by the Council ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65
Factories and Workshops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65
Shops and Offices	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
School Sanitation	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Drains, etc..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Public Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Disinfections and Disinfestations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Interviews	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87
Nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Meat Inspection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	385

52 Informal Notices were served. Complied with 46. 11 outstanding from 1958.

No Statutory Notices were served.

Factories Act, 1937. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories (no power) in which Sections, 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	3	4	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories (with power) not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	60	37	4	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	24	24	4	Nil
	87	65	8	Nil

	M/c Line No.	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
		Found.	Remedied.	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness.	4	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil.





- (iv) SHOPS AND OFFICES. 31 shops and offices were inspected during the year.
- (v) CAMPING SITES. There are 45 approved sites for caravans on which some 318 vehicles are located. Ten of these sites contain 12 to 40 caravans which are occupied by U.S.A. personnel and are provided with main services (electricity and water). The remaining sites are occupied by not more than 6 caravans on a site.
- (vi) CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956. No smoke nuisances were observed during the year.
- (vii) SWIMMING BATHS. There are no swimming baths in the district.
- (viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. No cases of bed bug infestation occurred in the District during 1959.
- (ix) RAT DESTRUCTION. One rodent operator, Mr. G. Rudderham, is employed by the Council. The amount of work accomplished by him can be assessed from the copy of the nine month report which is on the following page.  
The main poisons used were Warfarine and Zinc Phosphide.  
Treatment at dwelling houses is provided without charge, whilst a charge of 5/6d. per hour is made at business premises and 7/6d. per hour at agricultural premises, except for 6 Agricultural premises which are contracted for by the Council on a yearly basis.
- (x) LICENCED PREMISES. With a very few isolated exceptions every licenced house is now provided with a washing sink and piped water supply adjacent to the public rooms. In some cases hot water is also provided. Most of the houses have been provided with "central service" counter which has the advantage of making the cleansing facilities readily available for all sections.
- (xi) THE RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951. There are no premises in the District which require registration or licencing under the above Act. The premises in the District which carry out upholstery work only, carry out repair, re-making and reconditioning of articles and are, therefore, exempt from registration under Section 1 (2) (a) of the Act.

#### SECTION D.

1.	(i)	(a)	Total number of house inspected for defects under Public Health and Housing Act.	598
		(b)	Number of inspections made for purpose.	976
	(ii)		Number of Houses (included under Sub-Head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1935.	Nil
	(iii)		Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	25
	(iv)		Number of houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation.	
			Private.	48
			Council.	914
	(v)		Number of houses demolished during the year as a result of Demolition Orders.	12
	(vi)		Number of Houses demolished without formal action.	1
2.	<u>Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal Notice.</u>			
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers:-			
			By Owners (Two from previous year)	38
			By Council (Council owned houses)	904
			Houses completely reconditioned by owners as shown by register of plans.	1
			Houses completely reconditioned and improved under Housing (Improvement) Act, 1949/54 as shown by register.	21
			Houses rendered fit by owners and Demolition Orders annulled by Council.	5





## Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Report for 9 months ended 31st, December, 1959.

Name of Local Authority      MILDENHALL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.      County.      W.Suffolk.

	Type of Property.				5. Agricultural.
	Non-Agricultural.				
	1. Local Authority	2. Dwelling Houses (inc. Cncl Houses)	3. All Other Premises	4. Total of Cols. (1) (2)&(3).	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.(Notes 1 & 2).	13	4,836	297	5,146	673
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of: (a) Notification.	NIL	51	14	65	12
(b) Survey under Act.	13	539	58	610	61
(c) Otherwise.	8	23	17	48	4
3. Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections.	29	896	93	1,018	85
4. Number of properties inspected in Sec.2 which were found to be infested:					
(a) Rats. (Major.	4	NIL	1	5	6
(Minor.	7	71	11	152	26
(b) Mice. (Major.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(Minor.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5. Number of infested properties (Sec.4) treated by the L.A.	11	71	12	94	32
6. Total treatments carried out - including re-treatments.	28	151	19	198	39
7. Number of Notices served under Sec.4 of the Act;					
(a) Treatment.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Structural Work.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
8. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of notice under Sec. 4 of the Act.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
9. Legal Proceedings..	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
10. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out.	43				

Note 1. With the exception of Agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation Toll for the area.

Note 2. (1) Premises used by the L.A. for the purposes of trade should be entered in Col.(3).  
 (2) Sewers should not be included.  
 (3) Combined dwellings and business premises, where occupied by the same person, should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in Col.(3). Where the dwelling and business parts of the premises are in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Cols.(2) and(3).



Time and Place Notices Served (during 1959)	..	..	..	..	24
Action: Closing Orders	..	..	..	..	3
Demolition Orders	..	..	..	..	12
Conditional Undertaking accepted (including 1 from 1958)	..	..	..	..	9
Purchased by Council	..	..	..	..	Nil
Outstanding at end of year	..	..	..	..	Nil
<u>Houses erected in the District during 1959.</u>					
New Council Houses	..	..	..	..	8
Private Houses	..	..	..	..	53

The progress made towards providing alternative housing accommodation for those living in hutments can be indicated thus:-

Huts occupied at end of year.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.
Brandon.	88	64	42	11	8	3
Freckenham.	18	5	5	3	2	2
Mildenhall, High Lodge.	20	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuddenham.	5	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
	131	73	48	14	10	5

#### PROVISION OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Parish.	Total Houses in Parish.	Total Council Houses.	Pre-War.	War-Time Emergency Programme.	Post-War.	% of Houses in the Parish which are Council Houses.
Barton Nills.	196	50	14	-	36	26%
Brandon.	987	241	94	-	147	24%
Cavenham.	39	-	-	-	-	Nil
Dalham.	87	-	-	-	-	Nil
Elveden.	134	-	-	-	-	Nil
Eriswell.	103	-	-	-	-	Nil
Freckenham.	199	34	6	-	28	18%
Gazeley.	128	22	-	-	22	12%
Herringswell.	59	8	-	2	6	12%
Higham.	75	-	-	-	-	Nil
Icklingham.	138	22	6	-	16 (2)	13%
Kentford.	76	12	-	-	12	16%
Lakenheath.	641	122	44	2	75	18%
Mildenhall.	1,517	299	80	2	217 (6)	20%
Moulton.	209	30	-	-	30	14%
Santon Downham.	85	-	-	-	-	Nil
Tuddenham.	111	28	14	-	14	26%
Wangford.	11	-	-	-	-	Nil
Worlington.	116	14	8	-	6	13%
	4,911	882	256	6	610 (8)	18%

The figures in brackets indicate houses built during 1959.

These figures include 29 Prefabricated bungalows provided at; Brandon: 9, Freckenham: 4, Lakenheath: 8 and Mildenhall: 8.

As will be seen, 5 hutments were demolished in 1959.

In addition to the 882 total Council Houses and the 5 hutments, the Council has also acquired and maintains a further 39 dwellings (17, Quayside, adapted from the Land Army Hostel, 7 Cottages in High Street; 2 Cottages at Undley Road, Lakenheath; 1, The Street, Worlington; 6 Cottages, Kingsway, and 1, Brick Kiln Road, Mildenhall; 3, The Street, and 1, Holmsey Green, Beck Row.

Housing Act, 1949. Improvement work during 1959 was completed on 21 houses and the total value of grant paid was £4,113, an average of £196 per house - the figures in 1958 were 34 houses, £6,445 total grant, £190 (approximately).





SECTION E.  
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) MILK SUPPLY. The duties of our Authority are curtailed to the surveillance of milk in distribution from dairies other than producer retail dairies. The number of retailers in the District was 8. The following licences were issued (supplementary licenses are issued to those whose premises are not in our District) :-

	<u>Tuberculin Tested.</u>		<u>Pasteurised.</u>	
	<u>Dealer.</u>	<u>Supplementary.</u>	<u>Dealer.</u>	<u>Supplementary.</u>
El mer Bros., The Paddocks, Santon Downham.	1	-	1	-
Cook, Broom Road, Lakenheath.	1	-	1	-
Hayhoe, West Stow.	-	1	-	1
Lindsay, Holmleigh, Brandon.	1	-	1	-
Parker, Bridge Farm Dairies, Mildenhall.	1	-	1	-
E. Poole & Son, Lode Street, Brandon.	1	-	1	-
Seeley, Fen Farm, Lakenheath.	1	-	1	-
Wortley, High St., Lakenheath.	1	-	1	-
	7	1	7	1

No complaints were detected during visits to the dealers' premises in 1959. Series of samples, taken during the summer months, to ascertain the keeping qualities of the milk, all proved satisfactory.

- (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. Regular visits of inspections are paid to the two slaughterhouses in the area and all meats slaughtered is inspected. The Council also acts as the authority in respect of inspection of pigs under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Scheme deficiency payments,

Ice Cream. There are no factories in the area and all ice-cream is pre-packed before delivery for sale to the 49 retailers on the Register in the District.

Cafes and Canteens. These are inspected at irregular intervals and employees advised on matters of hygiene. Canteens at industrial premises are also inspected for action where necessary.

During the year 1959 the undermentioned food was condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Canned Milk.	Nil.	Liver	689 lb.
" Vegetables.	Nil.	Pork.	330 lb.
" Fruit.	Nil.	Mutton.	Nil.
" Meat.	44	Beef.	13 lb.
" Fish.	Nil.	Fish.	Nil.

Number of Licensed slaughterhouses	..	..	..	2
Number of visits to butchers premises	..	..	..	19

MEAT CONDEMNED.

<u>Bovines.</u>	<u>Tuberculosis.</u>		<u>Bovines.</u>	<u>Other diseases, etc.</u>	
	<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>		<u>Pigs.</u>	<u>Sheep.</u>
2 Livers	12 Heads.	Nil.	34 Livers.	1 Carcase & all organs.	1 Liver.
2 Lungs.	12 Tongues.		1 Heart.	4 Flucks.	
	3, Hindquarters.		1 Tongue.	24 Livers.	
				2 Hindlegs.	

The food condemned is stained to ensure identity and subsequently is buried or burnt. Large quantities sent to processing Factory.





Carcases and Offal inspected and Condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	260	9	Nil	943	1156	1
Number inspected.	260	9	Nil	943	1156	1
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	34	2	Nil	1	26	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	13	2	Nil	0.1	15	Nil.
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	14	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	1.2	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.2	Nil.
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



FOOD.

	Type.	Number.	Inspections.
1.	Bakehouses.	7	48
	Butchers.	11	19
	Cafes.	10	45
	Dairies.	6	7
	Fishmongers (Wet & Dry)	5	39
	Greengrocers.	6	23
	Provision Dealers.	43	26
	Sweet Shops.	7	5
2.	Ice-Cream Premises.	44	30
	Preserved Food Premises.	11	10
	Other Food Premises. Public Houses.	64	9
	Hotels.	8	2
	Canteens.	6	1

3. Total number of Inspections: 264.
4. Personal Education of Food Hygiene given to most of the Food Handlers.
5. Meat stained and forwarded to processing manufacturer, small quantities stained and burned or buried. Tinned goods stained and buried.
6. No special examination of a stock or consignment of Food was called for in 1959.
7. No ice-cream manufacturers in the District.  
All retailers sell pre-packed ice-cream.
8. Inspections have been carried out in order to bring all food premises up to the standard required.

SECTION 47, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. From time to time during the year cases have arisen where elderly persons have been thought to be unable to devote to themselves sufficient care and attention. Such cases are seen by the Welfare Officer on the County Medical Officer's staff who try to persuade them to enter hospital of "Part III" accommodation. Where the person is unwilling the cases are referred to me, as the District Medical Officer can take action under Section 47, National Assistance Act. All cases so referred during 1959 responded to further persuasion by the Welfare Officers and myself, so that they entered voluntarily without our having recourse to Magistrate or Court.

- (c) ADULTERATION, ETC.

(d) CHEMICAL & BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

(e) NUTRITION.

(f) SHELL - FISH.

(g) WATER - CRESS.
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- No change.







